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 Dear Examiner Shaffer:

Following is in Amendment for this application. Favorable action is earnestly solicited. Please feel free to call if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

 Michael de Angelis

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 Dallara et al : Examiner: Shaffer
 Serial No.: 10/806,188 : Group Art Unit: 3733
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 For: DILATOR FOR BONE TUNNELS
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above - identified application.

A check for the additional claim fee of \$ 0.00 as calculated below is enclosed for this amendment.

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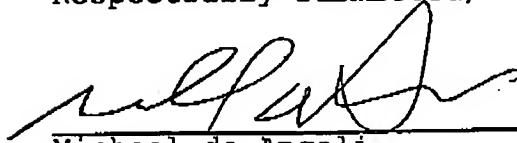
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: